

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

SERGIO PERALTA TORRES,

Petitioner,

v.

SERGIO ROMANCE, et al.,

Respondents.

No. 1:23-cv-01266-KES-EPG (HC)

ORDER ADOPTING FINDINGS AND
RECOMMENDATIONS, DISMISSING
PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS
CORPUS WITHOUT PREJUDICE,
DIRECTING CLERK OF COURT TO CLOSE
CASE, AND DECLINING TO ISSUE
CERTIFICATE OF APPEALABILITY

(ECF No. 8)

Petitioner Sergio Peralta Torres is a state prisoner proceeding *pro se* with a petition for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. This matter was referred to a United States Magistrate Judge pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B) and Local Rule 302.

On November 14, 2023, the assigned Magistrate Judge issued findings and recommendations recommending that the petition be dismissed without prejudice for failure to pay the filing fee and failure to comply with the Court's order. (ECF No. 8.) The findings and recommendations were served on Petitioner and contained notice that any objections were to be filed within thirty (30) days of the date of service of the findings and recommendations. (*Id.*) To date, no objections have been filed, and the time for doing so has passed.

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1 In accordance with the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1), the Court has conducted a *de*
2 *novo* review of the case. Having carefully reviewed the entire file, the Court holds the findings
3 and recommendations to be supported by the record and proper analysis.

4 Having found that Petitioner is not entitled to habeas relief, the Court now turns to
5 whether a certificate of appealability should issue. A petitioner seeking a writ of habeas corpus
6 has no absolute entitlement to appeal a district court's denial of his petition, and an appeal is
7 allowed only in certain circumstances. *Miller-El v. Cockrell*, 537 U.S. 322, 335-36 (2003); 28
8 U.S.C. § 2253. The Court should issue a certificate of appealability if "reasonable jurists could
9 debate whether (or, for that matter, agree that) the petition should have been resolved in a
10 different manner or that the issues presented were 'adequate to deserve encouragement to proceed
11 further.'" *Slack v. McDaniel*, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000) (quoting *Barefoot v. Estelle*, 463 U.S.
12 880, 893 & n.4 (1983)).

13 In the present case, the Court finds that reasonable jurists would not find the Court's
14 determination that the petition should be dismissed debatable or wrong, or that Petitioner should
15 be allowed to proceed further. Therefore, the Court declines to issue a certificate of appealability.

16 Accordingly:

- 17 1. The findings and recommendations issued on November 14, 2023 (ECF No. 8) are
18 adopted in full;
- 19 2. The petition for writ of habeas corpus is dismissed without prejudice;
- 20 3. The Clerk of Court is directed to close the case; and
- 21 4. The Court declines to issue a certificate of appealability.

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24 IT IS SO ORDERED.

25 Dated: March 21, 2024

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE